

Delta Township District Library

# 2021 Annual Report



## Literacy

Helping children and adults develop skills they need to fully participate in an information society.



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# Civic

**Active participation in the public life of a community in an informed, committed, and constructive manner, with a focus on the common good.**

- Access to information on where to vote, how to register, and precinct information
  - Books and resources for living in a global society
  - Expungement resources available, as well as trained staff to help with the process
  - Partnership with the Refugee Development Center to cultivate a thriving community
  - Providing opportunities for teens to volunteer, which develops job skills, accountability and sense of community
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# Critical

**Helping patrons question and examine ideas. Requires patrons to synthesize, analyze, interpret, evaluate and respond to the texts they read or listen to.**

- Monthly book clubs for all ages
  - A Fake News Program to help cultivate understanding and critical thinking of news sources
  - Battle of the Books program
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# Cultural

**Inclusivity and representation in the library's collections, marketing, and other public interactions. Building and promoting cultural heritage.**

- Programs for all ages that reflect the interests of our community
- Displays and art in and around the library
- Providing ELL and ESL materials through both digital resources and library materials
- The digital resource MANGO teaches practical conversation and cultural awareness of popular languages
- Providing marketing and social media that reflects the cultures of our patrons

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# Digital

**Providing resources, teaching patrons, and maintaining up-to-date materials.**

- Public access to computers
- On-demand technology help
- Computer classes
- Mobile hotspots available for checkout
- Laptops available for checkout
- Access to emerging technologies
- Teaching patrons about digital security
- Robotic companion pets to provide love and stimulation for our aging population

# Early Childhood

The development of skills children need to learn to read and write and transition from learning to read to reading to learn.

- Storytimes for dedicated ages
  - Take It and Make It Kits for ages birth to 18
  - Crafts and songs during storytimes, as well as in programs
  - A variety of programs that promote literacy, including Paws for Reading, arts & crafts, and music.
  - Toys and a puppet theater in the library's youth area that promote learning and play
  - Two opportunities outside to learn and play: a Sensory Walk with musical instruments and a StoryWalk® located at Sharp Park
  - 1000 Books Before Kindergarten encourages families to read 1000 books to their children before they start Kindergarten
  - Summer Reading Program
  - TALK text service sends fun activities parents can do with their babies and preschoolers
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# Informational

Providing people with access to the information they need to work, play, learn, and govern

- The library's collection – both print and digital – supports information dissemination, as well as supports Adult Literacy
  - Provided legal help to patrons through a collaboration with Elder Law
  - Partnering with AARP to provide classes and seminars
  - A special collection of our Library of Things and Little Things.
  - A special section on parenting to help provide information on a variety of topics
  - The support of small business development
  - MeLCat databases and e-resources to provide as much content as possible
  - A new library website
  - Financial assistance with smart money programs, tax forms and collections for other non-profits in the area
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# Health and Wellness

## Supporting the physical, mental and social wellness needs of the community in a variety of ways

- Providing diapers, pads and tampons in all restrooms
- Organizing and partnering with organizations to provide meals through programs like Meet Up & Eat Up, as well as providing supplemental meal kits and a 24/7 food pantry
- Offering programs like Color Me Calm and designating meditation space in the library allow for mental health breaks for adults
- Offering health navigators
- Assistance with Affordable Care Act
- Partnerships with Community Mental Health and Disability Capital Area Network
- Offering blood pressure cuffs and fitness equipment for checkout
- Promoting yoga and mindfulness in our youth programs
- Providing resources and support to gain and enhance social and emotional intelligence, as well as empathy for the community at large
- Providing COVID19 resources to members of the community during the pandemic

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## Statistics

- 236,218 items checked out
- 129,188 items in the collection
- 28,970 visitors to dttdl.org
- 30,589 cardholders
- \$34,000 contributed by the Friends of the Library
- 4,842 MeLCat items loaned out to other libraries
- 9,794 MeLCat items borrowed for our patrons
- CreativeBug: 180 classes completed
- Mango: 948 sessions
- Ancestry: 11,077 searches
- Take It & Make It: 2,420
  - 5 & Under: 651
  - 5-8: 594
  - 9-18: 648
  - Adult: 527
- Grab & Go Meal Kits: 653
- Storytime @ Home Kits: 93
- Art Supply Kits: 110
- Gingerbread House Kits: 200
- Teen Lit Kits: 98
- Summer Kickoff Kits: 230
- WKAR Family Literacy Kits: 50
- BookMatch: 105 youth + 50 adult